

**THE BIGGEST COTTON DAY RECORDED.****More Than One Thousand Bales on The Street Thursday.**

More cotton was sold in Sumter last Thursday than ever before in the history of the town. The cotton began coming in soon after daylight and from then on there was a continuous stream of wagons coming in on every road leading into the city. By 10 o'clock Main and Liberty streets were blocked with wagons and the line of wagons waiting with cotton to be weighed extended from the public weighers platform to Lee & Mose's office. For the greater part of this distance, more than three fourths of a mile, there was a double line of wagons. In addition to this line of cotton wagons there was another line extending from the weighers' platform in the other direction for several squares. The public weighers worked hard all day but were unable to weigh all the cotton before dark. The oldest inhabitant never saw so much cotton in Sumter at one time, nor was there ever such a blockade of cotton wagons on Main street.

The regular export buyers were not eager for cotton at Sumter prices, and the merchants bought the bulk of it. They held up the prices as high as possible in the face of a rapidly declining and weak New York market. The result was that the cotton seller got better prices than they would have obtained otherwise and the merchants had a big lot of cotton on hand that cost them more than they could sell it for that night.

The farmers are doing their utmost to rush every bale possible to market at once, and the consequence will be that the price will decline rapidly and ten cents cotton will be out of the question until next spring.

The bulls have had things their own way in the cotton market recently and have sent prices up by leaps and bounds to 11 cents, but the bears are having an inning now, and with the help of the farmers who are rushing the crop to market and piling up the receipts enormously, they will pull the prices down just as rapidly as it went up. Cotton sold Thursday for less than 10 cents. If the farmers do not want to see the market demoralized now is the time to market slowly.

**FOURTEEN HUNDRED BALES.****Great Receipts of Cotton Thursday—High Prices Bring the Cotton.**

The receipts of cotton Thursday as reported by the cotton weighers were as follows: Wagons receipts 810, railroad receipts 350; total receipts at weighers platform 1,160. This, however, does not include all of the cotton marketed in this city yesterday for the rush was so great at the public weighers platform throughout the day that a great many persons could not get their cotton weighed and they stored it in lots and warehouses until this morning, and this cotton, amounting to more than a hundred bales, perhaps more than 300 bales, was weighed today and counted with today's receipts. It is therefore safe to say that the total actual receipts Thursday aggregated fully 1,350 to 1,400 bales. This is by far the greatest number of bales ever marketed in Sumter in one day and it will stand as high water mark for some time to come.

The heavy receipts are due to several causes, first and foremost of which is the high price paid for cotton in Sumter, while all neighboring markets have been from an eighth to a half cent lower day for day. Another cause is the dry and hot weather of the past several weeks which made cotton open prematurely and more rapidly than ever before. The weather has been favorable for gathering the crop and it has been picked out and ginned with unexampled rapidity. The high price and the fact that the market would decline has been a powerful incentive to the farmers to make unusual efforts to gather and market the crop as quickly as possible. The heavy receipts do not indicate a large crop for the fall is quite to the contrary. Sumter and adjacent counties have produced the smallest crop for years, and when the present rush is over the receipts will fall off to a minimum amount.

Sumter is unquestionably the best cotton market in the central portion of the State, if not in the entire State, and it pays to ship cotton here by rail, the price paid being so much greater in Sumter than the seller realizes a profit over and above the price in other markets after paying freight. Sumter's wagon trade is increasing also, for many farmers who heretofore have sold their cotton in other places in this and adjoining counties now find it to their advantage to haul it a greater distance and sell in Sumter.

Last year Sumter was the best market throughout the season and the receipts were heavier in consequence, and this year in spite of the short crop the year's receipts are sure to be equal to if not greater than last year's. Sumter is drawing cotton from territory that has been considered tributary to other places, and at the end of the season it will be seen that other places have lost what Sumter has gained. High prices and a first class market are drawing the cotton, for the farmers are quick to discover where they receive the best prices and the best treatment. All that Sumter asks is a comparison of prices with other markets, the people will do the rest and the receipts will continue heavy as long as there is cotton in the country.

**Mr. Baumgardner Goes to Charleston.**

Charleston, Sept. 18.—Mr. J. H. Vaughan, local freight agent for the Southern Railway at Charleston, has handed in his resignation of the position he now holds and will leave the company's service in October. Mr. Vaughan leaves the Southern to accept a position with the Pittsburgh and Western railroad at Pittsburgh, his former home.

No official announcement of Mr. Vaughan's resignation or appointment has yet been made, but it is understood that Mr. Baumgardner, the local agent of the company at Sumter, will be given the Charleston office.

**A Thousand Tongues**  
Could not express the capture of Annie B. Springer, of 1125 Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at J. E. W. DeLorme's Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed.

Miss Kate Carter, daughter of the postmaster at Bateson, Greenville County, has been arrested for tampering with the mails. The evidence against her is strong and she has been bound over for trial in October. The minimum penalty is one year in the penitentiary.

**Statement From Col Hoyt.**

The Mountaineer is again in my charge after an interval of three months, a period marked by an unusual experience and ending in a temporary defeat of the cause represented by me. It would not be proper to make any extended comment upon the campaign at this time, nor is it my intention to dwell at length upon its salient features hereafter, but I wish among other things to say now that there were many pleasing events connected with it, among which was the renewal of acquaintance with hundreds of friends in all parts of the State. The agencies employed against me were numerous and powerful, and there was a combination of political interests that few men have ever been called upon to cope with, but I am gratified to know that the combined ingenuity of the opposition failed to bring any more damaging charge against me than that I was utterly and uncompromisingly opposed to the dispensary system with all its train of attending evils.

The result of the campaign and its antecedent circumstances abundantly prove that there is great danger of the dispensary machine becoming a monopoly of political power as it is now a monopoly of the liquor business. The State constabulary was used for all that it was worth in the election, while dispensers were active and vigilant in promoting the fortunes of their favorite candidates. The whiskey distillers were arrayed as one man in behalf of the dispensary, which buys the product of the distilleries. The blind tigers in our towns and cities and in rural precincts were foremost in their advocacy of the dispensary candidates, in spite of the alleged "unholy alliance." Thus was the combination of liquor interests made perfect, and it is within bounds to say that the recent primaries were influenced more directly and more generally by the liquor traffic than any election ever held in the State. It is due to truth that this much be said, because many of the people who voted against me were and are in ignorance of the true state of affairs. It is not to my discredit by any means that the whole liquor influence was used to compass the result, and there was nothing surprising in the fact after all that this influence was solid the other way.

It is not my purpose to revive the issues of the campaign or to fore-shadow the course of those who registered their opposition to the dispensary, but it is not inopportune to say that the fight against the whole monopoly will not and cannot be abandoned by those who oppose it upon principle. The welfare and happiness of future generations are involved in the decision of this question, and we must not prove recreant when duty demands our services to break down an evil which seriously threatens the body politic. Expediency and avarice may for a time continue the liquor traffic by the State, but the day is coming when a majority will no longer tolerate this travesty upon a republican government.

James A. Hoyt.

The Manning Times quotes an editorial from the Greenville Mountaineer written by Mr. James A. Hoyt, Jr., in which the State liquor machine is severely criticized; and with this as a basis for its argument The Times proceeds to say that Mr. Hoyt should resign his position on the governor's staff. It argues that this is "a position which is supposed to be held only by close personal friends," and appears to have a grievance against Mr. Hoyt because he went through the entire campaign with Gov. McSweeney's commission in his inside pocket while fighting for another candidate, his father. This seems to put appointments to the governor's staff on the level of bribery, or to consider them at least, as insurance policies against political opposition; and we are frank to say that we believe that this was the idea and intent of the administration in making such appointments.

We have had it in mind to open a campaign for the abolition of these staff positions. They are useless and occasionally demoralizing. No good end is served by them. Of course there is no good reason why a man should abandon his political and moral beliefs because he has received the empty compliment of a staff appointment, and it is absurd to suppose that Mr. Hoyt could or would have been induced to support Gov. McSweeney and the dispensary against his own father and his anti-dispensary convictions, because, as The Times says, he had "Gov. McSweeney's commission in his inside pocket." Nevertheless, after this suggestion from the governor's closest friends of the purpose in issuing these commissions we have no doubt that Mr. Hoyt will resign the dubious honor.—The State.

This is not Galveston's first innuendo, according to the New York World. In 1857, when it was a village, the Gulf and the bay joined and buried it under water ten feet deep for several hours. In 1867 it was almost entirely submerged, the water being six feet deep in Mechanic street, the business highway. In 1871 it was visited twice and was completely flooded each time. In 1873, again in 1875 and again in 1886 Gulf and bay met over it. The storm of 1875 tore off and bore away one end of the island.

**THE MINERS STRIKE.****118,000 Men Have Quit Work.**

Philadelphia, Sept. 18.—The leader of the strike says at the end of the second day that 118,000 of the 141,000 mine workers in the anthracite coal fields are idle. No representative of the mine operators makes a statement for their side of the matter, but individual mine owners dispute the strikers' figures, saying that there are more men at work than the union leaders will admit.

The first advance in the price of coal as a result of the strike was made by the Philadelphia and Reading company today. 25 cents per ton being added. This advance was promptly met by the local dealers, who increased the price to consumers 50 cents a ton.

A cloud appears on the otherwise peaceful horizon in the shape of a report from Harrisburg that a bitter feeling is developing between the union and non-union men in the Lykens district, located in the upper end of Dauphin county and involving about 2,500 mine workers.

A concession was voluntarily granted the 5,000 employees of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company in the region of Mochelshank, which will hereafter work 10 hours a day with an increase in earnings. These men were unorganized and had not presented any grievances.

**Deputy Sheriffs Fire Into Crowds of Men Women and Children.**

Shenandoah, Pa., Sept. 21.—A sheriff's posse fired on a crowd of riotous men near here this afternoon, killing two persons and wounding seven others.

Sheriff Toole and Deputies O'Donnell and Brennehan were called to Shenandoah today to suppress the mobs that threatened mine workers and colliery property. At quitting time the sheriff and a small posse whom the sheriff had summoned on the ground went to the Indian Ridge colliery of the Reading company to escort the working men to their homes. The colliery is located a short distance east of Shenandoah.

The workmen left for home shortly after 4 o'clock. They walked up the middle of East Centre street and reached the Lehigh Valley railroad station. Here had gathered a large crowd of Poles, Slavs, and Hungarians, men, women and children, who lined both sides of the street. A shot rang out from a saloon. This was followed by a shower of stones. Many of the crowd had picked up stones and sticks and were acting in a threatening manner. Seeing this the sheriff, who had previously cautioned his men to keep cool and not use their fire arms, commanded them to fire. The order was obeyed with terrible results. The crowd pursued the sheriff and his posse to the Ferguson house, where they took refuge.

**Pretty Girl Arrested by United States Inspectors.**

Special to the State  
Greenville, Sept. 20.—A pretty girl was arrested in this county yesterday for tampering with the mails. For some time there has been complaint of irregularities at a postoffice called Bateson, in the upper section of Greenville county, and yesterday Inspectors Moyer and Moore went to a neighboring postoffice, White Horse, from which they sent a decoy letter addressed to Chicago containing marked coins. They then interrupted the mail after it left Bateson and found the letter had been opened, the coins taken and stamps substituted. The coins were found in a drawer to which Miss Kate Arnett Carter, the assistant postmaster at Bateson, had the key. She pleaded ignorance of the whole business, but the inspectors claim positive proof against her.

Commissioner Hawthorne today sent the case up to court in October. The minimum sentence for taking money from the mails is one year imprisonment.

Miss Carter's father is postmaster and her family is prominent and respected. They are intelligent people, and her arrest caused some sensation.

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